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REMARKS

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to claims 72 and 83.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 72 and 83 have been amended to overcome the rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §102(a) Rejection - Blackwell

The Examiner has rejected claims 68, 72 and 79 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,085,253 issued to Blackwell et al. (hereinafter "Blackwell").

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 68 has been cancelled and that claims 72 and 79 have been amended to depend from a claim that has been indicated to be allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §103(a) Rejection - Blackwell

The Examiner has rejected claim 71 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Blackwell.

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 71 has been amended to depend from a claim that has been indicated to be allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §103(a) Rejection – Blackwell, Dawson

The Examiner has rejected claims 74 and 80 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Blackwell in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,594,490 issued to Dawson (hereinafter “Dawson”).

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 74 and 80 have been amended to depend from a claim that has been indicated to be allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the cited art of record and are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed at the earliest possible date.

Request For Telephone Interview

The Examiner is invited to call Brent E. Vecchia at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request For An Extension Of Time

The Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for such an extension.

Charge Our Deposit Account

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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